

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 10-14 are presented for consideration, with Claims 1 and 10 being independent.

Independent Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to better describe Applicants' invention.

Initially, Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 1-5 and 10-14 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter and will be allowed if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as discussed below.

In that regard, Claims 1-5 and 10-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. In response thereto, Claims 1 and 10 have been amended in the manner suggested in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully wish to point out that these claims are being amended for the purpose of advancing prosecution. Applicants respectfully disagree with the grounds of the rejection and the interpretation of the claim language as set forth in paragraph 2.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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